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SUBJECT: BMEWS COMMUNICATIONS LINK

REF: OTTAWA 2166

1. EMBOFFS AND DCASO OFFICERS MET JULY 17 WITH EXTAFF
DEFENSE RELATIONS DIRECTOR CHARLES MARSHALL, AND EXTAFF
OFFICER DOUG GARDNER TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE STRIKE ON BMEWS
COMMUNICATIONS LINK (CNEWS), MANAGEMENT OF WHICH HAS BEEN
SUBCONTRACTED TO ITT.

2. MARSHALL MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

(1) "ESSENTIALITY" OF LINE NOT DISPUTED BY CANADA.
(2) TAKEOVER OF LINE BY US MILIARY "JUST ABOUT
UNACCEPTABLE" FOR OBVIOUS POLITICAL AND SOVEREIGNTY
REASONS, AND IN ANY EVENT MIGHT CONSTITUTE ILLEGAL
STRIKE-BREAKING.

(3) CANADIAN LABOR LAW MAKES STRIKE-BREAKING
EXCEEDINGLY DIFFICULT. STRIKE ON FACILITY ESSENTIAL
TO SECURITY MIGHT BE DECLARED ILLEGAL, BUT THIS WOULD
REQUIRE PARLIAMENTARY ACTION (PARLIAMENT CURRENTLY
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NOT IN SESSION AND NOT DUE TO RECONVENE UNTIL

SEPTEMBER 26).

(4) IT IS THEREFORE IMPORTANT THAT SOME REASONABLE SOLUTION TO PROBLEM BE DEVISED TO KEEP LINE OPERATING.

3. IN VIEW OF COMPLICATED SITUATION, MARSHALL SUGGESTED THAT TOWARDS THE END OF THE WEEK OF JULY 22 ANOTHER US-CANADIAN MEETING TAKE PLACE IN OTTAWA WITH WIDER PARTICIPATION BY INTERESTED AGENCIES OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS. CANADIAN SIDE WOULD HAVE REPRESENTATIVES FROM EXTAFF, DEFENSE, LABOR, AND POSSIBLY OTHERS. PURPOSE OF MEETING WOULD BE TO ENSURE ALL INTERESTED PARTIES UNDERSTAND PROBLEMS INVOLVED, AND TO REVIEW OPTIONS AVAILABLE INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, RENEGOTIATION OF ITT CONTRACT TO ALLOW HIGHER WAGES, ADDITIONAL ITT MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL BEING ASSIGNED TO LINE TO TAKE OVER ITS OPERATION, AND THE IMPORTATION OF US CIVILIAN PERSONNEL (PRESUMABLY UNDER ITT AUSPICES) TO OPERATE LINE. EMBASSY SUGGESTS US MIGHT ALSO CONSIDER PROPOSING TEMPORARY CANADIAN TAKEOVER OF LINE.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY STRONGLY ENDORSES US-CANADIAN MEETING ON THIS SUBJECT AND NOTES THAT DCASO CHIEF IN OTTAWA INTENDS TO RECOMMEND VERY HIGH LEVEL AIR FORCE PARTICIPATION. EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT EUR/CAN AND L/PM SHOULD ALSO BE PART OF US TEAM. PLEASE ADVISE. JOHNSON

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